§ 63.17 Special provisions for U.S. international common carriers.

(a) Unless otherwise prohibited by the terms of its Section 214 certificate, a U.S. common carrier authorized under this part to provide international private line service, whether as a reseller or facilities-based carrier, may interconnect its authorized private lines to the public switched network on behalf of an end user customer for the end user customer's own use.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(5) of this section, a U.S. common carrier, whether a reseller or facilities-based, may engage in "switched hubbing" to countries not found to offer equivalent resale opportunities under §63.18(e) (3) and (4) under the following conditions:

(1) U.S.-outbound switched traffic shall be routed over the carrier's authorized U.S. international private lines to an equivalent country, and then forwarded to a third, nonequivalent country only by taking at published rates and reselling the International Message Telephone Service (IMTS) of a carrier in the equivalent country;

(2) U.S.-inbound switched traffic shall be carried to an equivalent country as part of the IMTS traffic flow from a non-equivalent third country and then terminated in the United States over U.S. international private lines from the equivalent hub country;

(3) U.S. common carriers that route U.S.-outbound traffic via switched hubbing through an equivalent country shall tariff their service on a "through" basis from the United States to the ultimate foreign destination.

(4) No U.S. common carrier may engage in switched hubbing under this section to a country where it has an affiliation with a foreign carrier unless and until it receives specific authority to do so under §63.18. For purposes of this paragraph, "affiliation" and "foreign carrier" are defined in §63.18(h)(1) (i)(B) and (ii), respectively.

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keeping requirements and will not become effective until approval has been given by the Office of Management and Budget.

§63.18 Contents of applications for international common carriers.

Except as otherwise provided in this part, any party seeking authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to construct a new line, or acquire or operate any line, or engage in transmission over or by means of such additional line for the provision of common carrier communications services between the United States, its territories or possessions, and a foreign point shall request such authority by formal application which shall be accompanied by a statement showing how the grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Such statement shall consist of the following information, as applicable:

(a) The name, address, and telephone number of each applicant;

(b) The Government, State, or Territory under the laws of which each corporate or partnership applicant is organized:

(c) The name, title, post office address, and telephone number of the officer and any other contact point, such as legal counsel, to whom correspondence concerning the application is to be addressed;

(d) A statement as to whether the applicant has previously received authority under Section 214 of the Act and, if so, a general description of the categories of facilities and services authorized (i.e., authorized to provide international switched services on a facilities basis);

(e) One or more of the following statements, as pertinent:

(1) If applying for authority to acquire interests in facilities previously authorized by the Commission in order to provide international basic switched, private line, data, television and business services to all international points, the applicant shall:

(i) State that it is requesting Section 214 authority to operate as a facilities-based carrier pursuant to the terms and conditions of paragraph (e)(1) of this section.

(ii) Comply with the following terms and conditions: